

REMARKS

Applicants have placed this application in condition for allowance by amending rejected dependent claims to depend from independent claims 8, 28, and 45, which the examiner deems allowable. Some other rejected dependent claims have been cancelled. Dependent claim language has been amended as necessary due to grammatical formalities. No new matter is added.

Claims 1, 5, 7, 13, 21, 25, 27, 33, 43, 44, and 46 are cancelled, and claims 2-4, 6, 9, 14, 20, 22-24, 26, 29, 34, and 40-42 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the present Application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Cancellation Of Rejected Claims

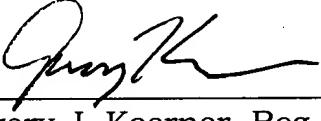
Applicants cancel rejected claims 1, 5, 7, 13, 21, 25, 27, 33, 43, 44, and 46 without prejudice to place the Application in condition for immediate allowance. The Applicants expressly state that the rejected claims 1, 5, 7, 13, 21, 25, 27, 33, 43, 44, and 46 are cancelled solely to expedite the allowance and issuance of the Application and not for reasons of patentability. Applicants reserve the right to seek allowance of cancelled and additional claims in subsequent Applications.

Summary

The Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments place the present Application in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider and allow this Application. If there are questions concerning this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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